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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING DIRECT ELECTIN OF TWO-THIRDS OF PARLIAMENT
JUNE 3 (RETEL), REMAINING THIRD CHOSEN BY INDIRECT SUFFRAGE
JUNE 21. PRO-GOVERNMENT "INDEPENDENTS," AS EXPECTED, DOMINATED THIS
BALLOTING, WITH PRO-GOVERNMENT POPULAR MOVEMENT (MP) ALSO MAKING
STRONG SHOWING. PRO-GOVERNMENT MAJORITY IN FULL PARLIAMENT WILL
BE OVER TWO-THIRDS. AS FOR OPPOSITION, ISTIQLAL GAINED A FEW
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ADDITIONAL SEATS IN JUNE 21 VOTE, BUT SOCIALIST UNION OF POPULAR
FORCES (USFP) MADE NO HEADWAY. MEANWHILE, OPPOSITION PARTIES
CONTINUED FIERCE PUBLIC FEUDING AMONG THEMSELVES. USFP ANNOUNCED
JUNE 19 DECISION O PARTICIPATE IN PARLIAMENT, BACKING DOWN FROM
EARLIER THREATS TO WITHDRAW ITS DEPUTIES. EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
OF PARLIAMENT NOW EXPECTED IN EARLY JULY, AND CABINET RESHUFFLE
IN LATE SEPTEMBER. END SUMMARY.

2. JUNE 21 RESULTS: 88 SEATS WERE AT STAKE, 48 CHOSEN BY COMMUNAL COUNCILS, 15 BY CHAMBERS OF AGRICULTURE, 10 BY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, 7 BY HANDICRAFTS CHAMBERS, AND 8 BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SALARIED EMPLOYEES. INDEPENDENTS ADDED 59 SEATS IN ALL. TO COMMUNAL COUNCILS, THEY WON 32, MP 10, ISTIQLAL 4, CONSTITUTIONAL AND DEMOCRATIC POPULAR MOVEMENT (MPCD) 1, AND MOROCCAN UNION OF LABOR (UMT) 1. IN CHAMBERS OF AGRICULTURE, INDEPENDENTS WON 10 OF MP 5. INDEPENDENTS MADE CLEAN SWEEP OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND HANDICRAFTS, WHILE IN SALARIED EMPLOYEES UMT WON 6 ISTIQLAL-AFFILIATED GENERAL UNION OF MOROCCAN WORKERS (UGTM) WON 1 WITH ON NON-AFFILIATED VICTOR.

3. TOTAL TALLIES: FULL PARLIAMENT OF 264 THUS SEES AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF 140 PRO-GOVERNMENT INDEPENDENTS. ADDITION OF PRO-GOVERNMENT MP WITH 44 SEATS GIVES GOVERNMENT OVER TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY (184 SEATS). LEADING OPPOSITION PARTY, ISTIQLAL, ENDS UP WITH 51 SEATS (HAVING WON AN ADDITIONAL SEAT FROM USFP IN A RECOUNT OF JUNE 3 VOTE), USFP 15, UMT 7, MPCD 3, ACTION PARTY 2, PARTY OF PROGRESS AND SOCIALISM (PPS) 1, AND "OTHER" 1.

4. USFP TO PARTICIPATE. USFP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MET JUNE 19 TO DECIDE PARTY'S FUTURE TANCE, FOLLOWING PARTY LEADER BOUABID'S JUNE 6 HINTS THAT USFP MIGHT WITHDRAW ITS MEMBERS FROM PARLIAMENT. PARTY, WHILE ALLEGING RIGGED UNDERREPRESENTATION, DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN PARLIAMENT AS A "FIRM AND DETERMINED OPPOSITION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH DOES NOT BARGAIN OVER THE RIGHTS OF THE MASSES."

5. OPPOSITION FEUDING: POLEMICS BETWEEN THE ISTIQLAL AND USFP ATTAINED NEW BITTERNESS FOLLOWING JUNE 3 POLLING. USFP ACCUSED ISTIQLAL OF HAVING CONCLUDED A PACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS, WHILE ISTIQLAL DENOUNCED USFP AS "FASCIST" AND "VIOLENT," PREDICTING NEW USFP SPLIT. FEUDING ALSO CONTINUED BETWEEN USFP AND COMMUNIST PPS. MEANWHILE, ALL THREE PARTIES PERSISTED IN ACCUSING THE GOVERNMENT OF MASSIVE ELECTORAL IRREGULARITIES.

6. OUTLOOK: DESPITE OPPOSITION SQUABBLING AND COMPLAINTS, GOM IS CLEARLY OFF TO A SUCCESSFUL START IN ITS LATEST PARLIAMENTARY EXPERIMENT. AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION IS NOW ANTICIPATED IN EARLY JULY, TO BE INAUGURATED BY THE KING. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ARE REPORTEDLY TO BE FORMED WITHOUT DELAY TO BEGIN WORK ON THE BUDGET, THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE REGULAR OCTOBER SESSION. NEW CABINET CURRENTLY PREDICTED FOR JUST BEFORE REGULAR SESSION, POSSIBLY IN LATE SEPTEMBER.
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